

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5881

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As of February 18, 2015

**Title:** An act relating to providing a group fishing permit for certain programs for at-risk youth.

**Brief Description:** Providing a group fishing permit for certain programs for at-risk youth.

**Sponsors:** Senators Pearson, Chase and Hasegawa.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources & Parks: 2/18/15.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

**Staff:** Bonnie Kim (786-7316)

**Background:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is responsible for issuing hunting and fishing licenses at fees set in statute. The fees are generally set at a rate for an adult state resident, an elevated rate for a non-state resident, and a reduced rate for a youth participant or resident senior. Reduced rate licenses are also available to individuals with certain disabilities, certain veterans, and for group or combination licenses and permits.

**Summary of Bill:** When issuing a group fishing permit, WDFW must provide, at no charge, any applicable catch record cards. WDFW must issue a group fishing permit on a seasonal basis to a state or local agency, or nonprofit organization operating a program for at-risk youth.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 16, 2015.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill will encourage at-risk youth to fish and appreciate our resources in the future.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Pearson, prime sponsor.

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